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of this bill an opportunity to have it debated. They chose not to exercise that opportunity. It was not the action of any of us in the Legislature that denied them that opportunity and I do not see how now they can make any sort of case that we in the Legislature have denied them the chance. With nine days left, a strategy that deliberately avoids the legitimate chances to have an issue raised and then comes to us and says, gosh, we never had a chance, we should not support that. It is much broader, Senator DeCamp has said, it is much broader than district election and that is exactly the case. It is a question of legislative policy's procedure, it is a question of whether or not we have a Rule Book at all. It might be better just to scrap the Rule Book and each of us can kind of design our own system for each bill. I would like mine to start to be debated on Select File. I enjoy Select File much better. Let's skip the committee hearings on this bill and so on. Essentially that is what the motion does. We will write a rule of procedures for every single bill. That's chaos. That's anarchy. The sponsor of this bill had an opportunity to get this debated. I cannot feel any sympathy for them now on the ninth day when they are trying to suspend all the rules. This is no different than the effort to overrule the Speaker. It is the same thing to try to achieve by subterfuge what they did not want to achieve through a legitimate means. I would oppose the motion to suspend the rules.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Vickers. The question has been called for. Do I see five hands? I see five hands. All those in favor of ceasing debate vote aye, opposed no. Record the vote.

CLERK: 29 ayes, 2 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Debate ceases. Senator DeCamp, you are recognized to close on your motion.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Mr. President, and, Senator Chambers, me think thou doth protested too much. You ought to tiptoe back in history with me, back when we were considering other Omaha issues, Omaha sales tax. We paraded the polls in front of you and said, look, the people want this and you said, but, doggone it, they have got to vote on it. Remember, year after year, kill motion after kill motion, amendment after amendment, because you had to have a vote of the people and we yielded. We gave you your vote of the people and it is coming up on that very issue as per the demands of Senator Chambers and my good friend Senator